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For: ASYMMETRIC REACTION CATALYST AND METHOD FOR PREPARING

OPTICALLY ACTIVE COMPOUND USING THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, applicants' undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a and Form PTO/SB/08b. Copies of the references as well as Form PTO/SB/08a and Form PTO/SB/08b are attached hereto. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

Applicants do not believe the enclosed references to preclude the patentability of any of the pending claims. However, in full compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37

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C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby provide a copy of the reference and request that it be placed in the application file pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i).

Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

Although no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account No. 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,

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